

DENTALIUM ELEPHANTINUM.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Animal Terebella.

Testa univalvis, tubulosa, recta, monothalamia,
utraque extremitate pervia.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 1263.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

DENTALIUM testa decem-angulata subarcuata
striata.

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DENTICULUS ELEPHANTIS.

Rumph. mus. t. 41. f. 1.

DENTALIS.

Argenv. conch. t. 3. f. H.

Licet aliæ sint læves, aliæ angulis striatæ, per
diversas tamen Dentaliorum species pervasit generalis
quædam similitudo. Speciem angulatam depinximus,
quæ maxima est totius generis. Color communis viret.
Mare Europæa et Indica inhabitat Dentalium elephantinum.
Dat nomen generi forma non longe absimilis denti prominenti et elongato.



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THE
ELEPHANTINE DENTALIUM.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Animal resembling a Terebella.

Shell univalve, tubular, with undivided cavity,
pervious at each extremity.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

SLIGHTLY CURVED GREENISH DEN-
TALIUM with ten longitudinal ribs.

The GREAT RIBBED TOOTH-SHELL.

The LARGE GREEN DENTALIUM.

In the genus Dentalium, so named from its tooth-like form, there prevails a considerable degree of general similarity between the different species; of which, however, some are smooth, while others are marked by longitudinal angular processes. In this latter division ranks the species represented on the plate, which is the largest of the genus. Its general color is a dull green. It is found both in the European and Indian seas.